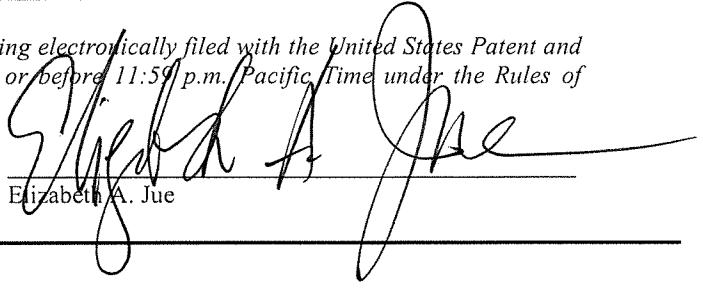

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application Number : | 10/533,348 | Confirmation No. 8999 |
| Filing Date : | April 29, 2005 | |
| Inventor(s) : | Marinus L.W. Van de Sande | |
| Title : | DEVICE FOR ARRANGING AT LEAST TWO BANDS AROUND ONE OR MORE PACKETS | |
| Group Art Unit : | 3721 | |
| Examiner Name : | Lindsay M. Low | |
| Docket No. | 54950/A394 | Date: December 21, 2009 |

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) An Action was mailed by the Office on August 27, 2009, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
 a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was filed on November 27, 2009
 via Express Mail
 with certificate of electronic transmission under 37 CFR § 1.8
- that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
- an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
 the Issue Fee has not been paid
 the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b. Pending (with review proceeding active)

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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
November 27, 2009
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
 Other:

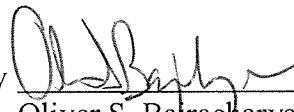
b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement
 Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
 Petition for Extension of Time
 Other:

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

Application No. 10/533,348

| PART I — BASIC FEE | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| BASIC FEE | Small Entity \$405.00 | Large Entity \$810.00 | \$810.00 |

| PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE) | | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims | 8 | *20 | | x \$26.00 | x \$52.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 2 | **3 | | x \$110.00 | x \$220.00 | |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | \$195.00 | \$390.00 | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS FEE | | | | | | \$ 0 |
| List Independent Claims: 1 and 7 | | | | | | |
| * IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. | | | | | | |
| ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE. | | | | | | |

1. FEES (*The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.*)
 - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
Please deduct \$810 from Deposit Account No. 03-1728.
 - b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.